

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amendments and/or additions:

1. (Currently Amended) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, wherein at least a part of said insertion platform comprises a light transmission member operable to allow transmission of light from a lower side of said insertion platform, and wherein a pair of alignment marks are formed on said insertion platform to allow said image receiving sheet and said transfer sheet to be aligned at the superimposed conditions respectively.

2. (Previously Amended) The insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the light transmission member is any one of a transparent portion, translucent portion, light diffusion portion, or opening portion.

3. (Original) The insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus has a light source on its lower side.

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4. (Previously Amended) The insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein a light accumulation fluorescent substance is coated on at least one of the light transmission member and its periphery.

5. (Original) The insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provide with an external light lighting hole on its lower side.

6. (Previously Amended) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is characterized in that a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.

7. (Original) An image transfer apparatus which is characterized in that it is provided with the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus, described in any one of

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Claims 1 to 5, and a heat roller pair which heats and presses the superimposed sheets entering from the insertion platform.

8. (Previously Added) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is characterized in that a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the light transmission member is any one of a transparent portion, translucent portion, light diffusion portion, or opening portion, and

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.

9. (Previously Added) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an

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image transfer apparatus is characterized in that a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the light transmission member is any one of a transparent portion, translucent portion, light diffusion portion, or opening portion,

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus has a light source on its lower side, and

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.

10. (Previously Added) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is characterized in that a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the light transmission member is any one of a transparent portion, translucent portion, light diffusion portion, or opening portion,

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wherein a light accumulation fluorescent substance is coated on the light transmission function member and/or its periphery, and

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.

11. (Previously Added) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is characterized in that a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the light transmission member is any one of a transparent portion, translucent portion, light diffusion portion, or opening portion,

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with an external light lighting hole on its lower side, and

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.